(b) The Central Government has constituted the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal to adjudicate the water disputes among the basin States of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu and Pondichery. The party States have submitted their claim before the Tribunal. The Tribunal has not submitted the final award.

(c) As reported by the Government of Kerala the Parambikulam-Aliyar Project Agreement stipulates that Tamilnadu Government has to supply 400 million cubic feet (MCFT), 320 MCFT and 180 MCFT on the second fortnight of May, 1st fortnight of June and 2nd fortnight of June respectively at Manacadavu weir. As against these Tamilnadu has supplied 9 MCFT, 1 MCFT and 114 MCFT respectively.

(d) Parambikulam-Aliyar Project agreement is a bilateral agreement between Kerala and Tamilnadu. The agreement was executed in 1970 with retrospective effect from 1958. Generally these type of issues are discussed between the Governments concerned and sorted out by mutual negotiations.

Pamba-Achencovil-Vaipar link project

1020. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are determined to implement the proposal of Pamba-Achencovil-Vaipar link project without taking into consideration Kerala's objections;

(b) whether Government think that there is surplus water in Pamba and Achencovil rivers which is liable to be diverted to Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the reasons which prompted Government to arrive at such a conclusion;

(d) whether Government are aware that a study conducted by CWRDM shows that there is water deficit in those rivers; and

(e) whether Government would accept the study of the above agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the water balance studies carried out by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) for Pamba & achenkovil rivers considering their 75% dependable annual surface water yields and requirements for domestic use, industrial use, irrigation, hydropower and salinity control upto the year 2025 AD, these river basins would be water surplus to the extent of 1612 Million Cubic Metre (M. Cum) and 1515 M. Cum resepctively. Against this, only 20% of the combined surpluses *i.e.* 634 M. Cum is envisaged for diversion to Vaippur basin for utilisation in the deficit area.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. There is a basic difference between the approaches adopted by CWRDM and NWDA in estimating the water availability and projected water requirement for different uses. These issues have been further discussed in the meetings of Technical Advisory Committee. Governing Body and Society of NWDA held from time to time.

After detailed deliberations in 19th Annual General Meeting of the NWDA Society held on 26.3.2003 which was also attended by Shri T.M. Jacob, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, Government of Kerala, President of the Society decided that NWDA and Government of Kerala jointly carry out a study for Pamba-Achenkovil and Vembanand wet land system.

Allocation of funds for flood havoc in Assam

1021. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of serious flood havoc in eight districts of Assam during the last fortnight;

(b) what help has been offered to Assam Government to cope with the situation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the nodal Ministry of Water Resources has not released any fund to Assam Government since 2000 for flood management in the State;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) in what manner Government intend to help the State in flood management during the current year 2003-04?